



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of:**

Yoshihiro NAKAO et al.

Confirmation No. 5495

**Application No.:** 10/791,791

Group Art Unit: 1634

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Examiner: James Martinell, Ph.D.

**Title:** SCREENING METHOD FOR GENES OF BREWING YEAST

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 AND 1.821-1.825**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 23, 2006, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider and enter the following amendments and remarks. A Petition for a one-month extension of time and corresponding fee extending the time period of response until July 23, 2006 is being submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 7.

Remarks begin on page 14.

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